

NUMBER 15.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS ON THE HEAD WATERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION ON SAID RIVER.

To the Honorable Senate and, House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

The Legislature of the State of Minnesota beg leave to represent, that one of the chief factors in the permanent improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River above St. Louis, is the construction of a system of reservoirs at the head waters of the Mississippi, as recommended and surveyed by Major General Warren and Colonel Farquhar, of the United States Engineer Corps.

That by this system a few cheap dams built at the outlets of the largest lakes in that great lacustrine region, will retain a large portion of the water of the spring floods, until needed in the autumn months, to improve navigation, thereby so equalizing the annual flow of water, that the damages by floods on the lower river are lessened, and the water used in the fall when absolutely required for steamboating on the upper part thereof.

That Gen. Warren's estimate of two additional feet of water per 105 days in the latter part of the year, from St. Paul down, which he says could be realized by the adoption of this system, is such an amount, as will convert no navigation into good navigation; and when the system of wing dams now being constructed under your sanction is completed, the desired result will be realized, giving the crops of the northwest an outlet to market in the fall months at minimum rates.

Therefore, believing these improvement to be alike in the interest of the producer and consumer we would respectfully memorialize you to cause such reservoirs to be constructed at the earliest possible day.

Approved February 14, 1879.

NUMBER 16.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TREASURER TO BORROW TEMPORARILY FROM THE GENERAL SCHOOL FUND TO PAY WARRANTS DRAWN ON THE REVENUE FUND.

WHEREAS, There are not now sufficient moneys in the State treasury to the credit of the revenue fund for the expenses of the legislature; therefore

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the State treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow temporarily from the general school fund, for the purpose of paying warrants drawn on the revenue fund, for legislative, executive and judicial expenses, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Approved January 17, 1879.